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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTRY PLEASSED BY WITHDRAWAL OF BRITISH PLANES
FROM BELIZE

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1. MORNING PAPERS APRIL 8 CARRIED WIRE SERVICE STORIES ON
BRITISH COMMUNIQUE IN LONDON ANNOUNCING WITHDRAWAL OF HARRIERS
FROM BELIZE. AFTERNOON PAPERS BANNERED FOREIGN MINISTER
MOLINA'S EXPRESSIONS OF SATISFACTION AND COMMENT THAT BRITISH
DECISION "CONSTITUTES A GOOD SYMPTON FOR THE RENEWAL OF
BRITISH-GUATEMALAN NEGOTIATIONS" IN NEW ORLEANS APRIL 26-27.
MOLINA POINTED OUT THAT HE HAD TOLD BRITISH ENVOYS LAST
NOVEMBER THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO SIT DOWN AND TALK "WITH A
GUNE ON THE TABLE," AND THE GUND HAD NOW BEEN REMOVED.

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2. COMMENT: WITHDRAWAL SHOULD INDEED CONTRIBUTE TO GOOD

ATMOSPHERE FOR TALKS, ESPECIALLY SINCE IT WAS VOLUNTEERED
BY HMG RATHER THAN RESPONDING TO PRESSURE FROM GOG,
AS WAS THE CASE WITH EARLIER WITHDRAWAL OF A COMPANY OF
TROOPS.
MELOY

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